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Serial No. 09/698,502	:	ELECTRONIC RENTAL
	:	AGREEMENT
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Filed: October 27, 2000	:	
	:	Attorney Docket No. 285277-00018

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The filing date of this Application is October 27, 2000. This is shown by the date stamped on Express Mail Receipt No. EK871378557US. A copy of this receipt is attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,



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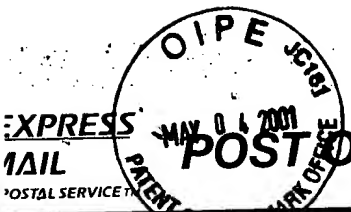
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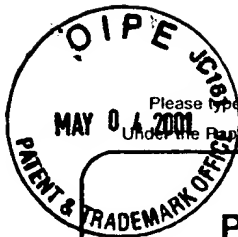
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See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 36 ]  
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